



City of Keller

Parks & Recreation Board

Meeting Minutes

Keller Town Hall
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Thursday, March 12, 2020

PRE-MEETING BRIEFING 6:00 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER - Chairperson Erin Pfarner

Chairperson Erin Pfarner called the Work Session to order at 6:01 p.m.

The following board members were present:

Chairperson Erin Pfarner
Vice-Chairperson Felix Mira
Nicholas Anderson
Jay Blakey
Adam Dougherty
Jenilee Harwell
Judy Sether
Bryan Weaver

The following staff members present were: Director of Community Services Cody Maberry, Recreation Manager Kyle Cooper, The Keller Pointe Aquatics Supervisor Luis McAdoo and Administrative Secretary Debbie Park.

Guest present: Mujeeb Kazi of Keller Cricket Association

B. WORK SESSION

1. [Receive Keller Cricket Association Matching Grant Application](#)

Mujeeb Kazi of the Keller Cricket Association submitted an application to the Keller Development Corporation for a matching funds grant to construct a cricket field in Keller. A large number of Keller residents play cricket and currently have to travel to other cities to play. A field in Keller would eliminate the need to travel to other fields and would provide economic growth Keller. The proposed location for the cricket field is Bear Creek Park, with a projected cost of \$16,000 for construction. Board and staff directed Mr. Kazi to return to a future board meeting with a construction proposal and true cost of the field for further discussion.

2. [Discuss participation in the National Fitness Campaign](#)

Cody Maberry was contacted by the National Fitness Campaign to discuss interest in building an outdoor fitness center in Keller. The open air fitness center equipment would be in one area and would cost approximately \$200,000 to install. Individuals using the equipment could follow an app that provides training exercises while using the fitness elements. Bear Creek Park was discussed as the most popular area for placement of the

fitness center due to adequate parking and visibility. Maintenance would be performed by park staff and would include cleaning and replacing parts when necessary. Board and staff agreed a fitness center of this type might be better suited in an apartment community such as the Center Stage development that will be coming to Keller. Board suggested introducing the idea of the fitness center from the National Fitness Campaign to Realty Capital Management for the Center Stage development.

3. [Discuss Northeast Park](#)

Board Member Nicolas Anderson opened the discussion regarding development of the 43 acres at the Northeast Park. The last discussion of development for the park was in 2017 with a public input meeting giving the residents a chance to voice their opinions on options and amenities for the area. Most residents agreed they wanted the area kept natural with no concrete, lights, or traffic, basically, leaving the area as is. The environmental study is too costly for developers to be interested in building homes on the site. In previous discussions staff and board agreed to move ahead with other projects such as the dog park, Milestone Park and Overton Ridge Park to have more of an impact to the park system. Plans to renew discussion of the Northeast Park with residents can begin after the completion of current park projects, to determine interest for development.

4. [Discuss projects for FY 2021 Budget](#)

Cody Maberry discussed projects to be included in the FY21 budget. The FY21 budget for Capital Improvement Projects is one million dollars. The projects would include parking lot improvements at the baseball complex in the Keller Sports Park for \$600,000, trail system expansion and repairs for \$275,000 and \$100,000 for small structures, benches, picnic tables, shade structures and scoreboards. Replacing the Bursey Ranch playground is also being considered since the current playground was installed in 1998 and needs to be updated. The cost for the playground update is approximately \$95,000. Board members suggested getting neighborhood input to see what amenities the residents would like in the park/playground to better suit their needs.

5. [Receive update from Park Board Members](#)

Jay Blakey discussed the March 7th Parkrun event having a record setting number of 52 participants. Jay thanked Felix Mira, Jenilee Harwell and Judy Sether for their help and support for the March 7th event. Parkrun U.S. has cancelled all running events for March due to safety concerns regarding the coronavirus. Jay also mentioned Parkruns can now be created in other communities without the funding that was previously required. Felix Mira has received information regarding the plaque for Gary Davis. The cost for the 8"x10" plaque is \$400 and will be installed in Overton Ridge Park in a dedication ceremony once the park renovation is completed.

6. [Receive update on Park Construction Projects](#)

Director of Community Services Cody Maberry gave an update on current construction projects and answered board questions related to update.

C. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS1. [Staff Announcements](#)

Recreation Manager Kyle Cooper discussed upcoming events and city services that may have to be cancelled or rescheduled due to Covid-19. He will be attending a meeting on March 13 for more discussion regarding closures, cancellations and rescheduling of upcoming events and city facilities. Closures and cancellations will be posted on the city website and social media.

D. ADJOURN

Motion by Blakey, seconded by Sether to adjourn the Work Session.

Motion passed, all present voting aye.

Chairperson Erin Pfarner adjourned the Work Session at 8:18 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING 7:00 P.M.**A. CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Erin Pfarner**

Chairperson Erin Pfarner called the Regular Meeting to order at 8:19 p.m.

B. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

This is a time for the public to address the Board/Commission on any subject. However, the Texas Open Meetings Act prohibits the Board/Commission from discussing issues which the public has not been given seventy-two (72) hours' notice. Issues raised may be referred to City Staff for research and possible future action.

No public comments were made.

C. MINUTES1. [Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2020](#)

Motion by Mira, seconded by Blakey to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion passed, all present voting aye.

D. ADJOURN

Motion by Mira, seconded by Blakey to adjourn the Regular Meeting.

Motion passed, all present voting aye.

Chairperson Erin Pfarner adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Chairperson

Staff Liaison